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As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DEVICE FOR RETURNING FOLDED PAPER AND FOLDING  
APPARATUS INCLUDING SAME**

including any amendments referred to below,  
the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification,  
including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this  
application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign  
application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any  
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application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Priority Claimed</u>			
<u>None</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
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Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

None

Application Serial Number

Filing Date

Status

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:**

As named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioner of **Customer No. 23575** as my attorney of record and/or agent to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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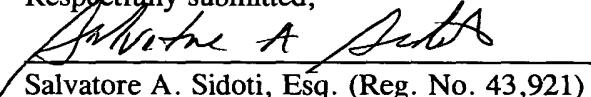
Dear Sir:

The inventor, Gregory R. Gale, has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to other than a small entity. 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(1).

The inventor hereby asserts entitlement of small entity status for the purpose of paying small entity fees for the present patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this paper, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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